Dessert
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Coffee and Vanilla

Chapter 8

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8th Cup

Passion & Encounters

The first time Fukami-san and I met,

he saved me from a guy who tried to pick me up...

BAM

At least, that's what I thought.

In reality...

Random Ideas

① My house is the only place where I can think.

Some people come up with ideas more easily while going out for a breath of fresh air, but that's just not how my mind works.

A lot of ideas come to me while I'm in my tub.

Meetings

② I don't actually create the plot (the flow of the story in text) myself.

Whenever I do it my way, I get the feeling it becomes too bloated. That's why I usually express my ideas to my supervisor, first.

① It goes like this:

Coffee & Vanilla Up Until Now

(Manga production process)

YOU SEE,

I ALREADY KNEW YOU A LITTLE BEFORE WE OFFICIALLY MET.

KNEW... ME?

THERE WAS THIS ONE TIME WHEN IT SEEMED LIKE THEY MADE A MISTAKE ON YOUR COFFEE, YET YOU BEGRUDGINGLY DRANK IT ANYWAY.

NO WAY...

sigh

Couldn't bring herself to tell them.

COFFEE & VANI

I'M A REGULAR AT THAT CAFE, AS WELL,

SO I OFTEN SAW YOU THERE.

YOU DID?!

BLUSH

BUT...

clench

SORRY FOR KEEPING IT FROM YOU.

I... HAD NO IDEA...

RATHER THAN RE-MINSCING ABOUT THE PAST...

I WANT THE RISA BEFORE MY EYES.

KISS

RUB

LICK

KISS

HOW ABOUT I USE ALL OF TONIGHT TO EXPLAIN?

^^

"ALL OF TO-NIGHT...?"

AH!

But we just did it on the sofa...

HUH?

Wait a minute...

slippery

B-

BUT...

but...

HMM...

WHY HAVEN'T YOU SAID ANY-THING UNTIL NOW...

UHM...

LAST NIGHT...

I FELL ASLEEP BEFORE HE GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL ME.

And when I woke up this morning, he was gone.

RECEIVED SO MUCH LOVE, SHE COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE END.

Chuckle

Tired

Mornin'!

I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT HE DOESN'T ACTUALLY WANT TO TELL ME...

T-this is awkward...

Just as friends!

Oh, not really...

YOSHIKI-KUN...

Is something bothering you again?

CLATTER

Yoshiki-kun...

AT LEAST LET ME HEAR YOU OUT.

AS ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER...

T-THANK YOU.

All right!

So, what happened?

YOU THINK SO?

I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, THOUGH.

HMM, I SEE...

Well,

IF IT'S HIM, HE PROBABLY HAS SOME REASON FOR NOT TELLING YOU.

FUKAMI-SAN DOESN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT HIMSELF MUCH.

I feel so distant from him sometimes.

He's your lover, right? Have a little confidence!

OKAY...

He's right I shoulan't let him get all timid on me

THANKS, YOSHIKI-KUN.

Any-time.

AREN'T I A GOOD GUY, HUH?

Jeez.

If you're fretting over it that much, just ask him!

In detail.

B-BUT...

SLAP

Sent Message 01
Fukami-san
Sub-ject Tonight
Good work today!
Can I stop by tonight?
Risa
FUKAMI
PLEASE WAIT HERE...
UNTIL THE PRESIDENT RETURNS.
O-OKAY.
CLACK

Y-yes. Then, where should we meet...?

This is a rare treat, how about we go out for lunch? You're at school, right?

IT WAS JUST A TEXT, AFTER ALL...

Who would've thought he'd invite me to his work-place?

Is this really okay?

Risa-sama, this way please

Just wait at my company

No need to worry about that. My secretary will be picking you up. ^^

What?

AND IF YOU'D LIKE...

Lap blanket

PERK!

Oh,

YES, IT'S FINE.

IS THE AIR CONDITION OKAY FOR YOU?

IT'S QUITE THE CONTRARY, SINCE YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON TO THE PRESIDENT.

UHM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME.

VERY WELL, I'LL BE AT MY OFFICE IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

"IMPORTANT."

SILENCE

CLOSE

I WANT TO SEE HOW...

HE WORKS HERE.

The side of Fukami-san that I don't know

RISA.

FUKAMI-SAN.

IT'S PLEASANT, GETTING TO SEE YOU WHEN I RETURN TO WORK.

OH, REALLY?

IT'S INVIGORATING.

Gasp

Kiss

?

TREMBLE

Come where?

"COME...?"

IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THAT FACE EVERY TIME.

YOU SHOULD COME MORE OFTEN...

THIS TIME, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO...

SPILL IT.

.....

HM...

OH NOTHING.

I WANT YOU...TO TELL ME.

FUKAMI-
SA...

NNN.

FUKAMI-
SA...

SERIOUSLY,
YOU...

Ah

Clatter

Huh

Clatter

RISA,

YOU SEEM MORE IN THE MOOD THAN USUAL.

...

!

IF WE DO THINGS LIKE THIS...

ON MY DESK...

I'LL BE REMINDED DURING WORK...

Pant

Clatter

Clatter

YES, PLEASE...

Heh

KEEP ASKING LIKE THAT AND IT MIGHT JUST COME TRUE.

AHH...

Mm.

THAT WAS A "PLEASE THINK ABOUT ME DURING WORK," RIGHT?

YOU'RE CUTE.

I HAVE YET TO MAKE YOU FULLY AWARE OF...

HOW MUCH I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU.

CLATTER

I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT.

PLEASE RETURN BY FIVE IN ORDER TO MAKE IT TO YOUR NEXT MEETING.

UNDERSTOOD.

ALL RIGHT

AH.

Hehe.

Honestly, this guy...

? ?

Sparkle

..... No hiding what just happened

THANK YOU FOR THE BLANKET.

Don't mention it.

I'M ACTUALLY HEADING OVER THERE WITH RISA RIGHT NOW.

BEFORE I FORGET,

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO INSPECT THE NEW CAFE TOMORROW.

?!

IT'S MORE THAN OKAY.

INSPECTING... ISN'T THAT YOUR JOB? IS THIS REALLY OKAY?

WITH ME??

THE PERSON I WANT TO BRING ALONG MOST.

YOU'RE...

"MOST..."

YOU'LL SEE ONCE WE GET THERE.

AFTER YOU.

IT'S NOT REALLY CAFE-ISH, BUT I KINDA LIKE IT.

WHOA, A TATAMI MAT...

IT'S SOMEWHAT NOSTALGIC AND CALMING.

IT'S MODERN, YET GIVES OFF A COUNTRY FEELING.

PAT

PAT

RISA, YOU LIKE THIS KIND OF CAFE, RIGHT?

I *love* it.

I lived in the countryside up until high school.

I've always wished for a cafe like...

this...

WAIT...

WELL, I'M GLAD YOUR WISH CAME TRUE.

How strange... It feels like we... This conversation...

I MADE THIS PLACE JUST FOR YOU, RISA.

BECAUSE...

I TOLD YOU. I "ALREADY KNEW YOU BEFORE WE MET."

??

F-FOR ME?

HUH...?

WHAT?

MAYBE THAT GAVE YOU THE IMPRESSION I WAS TRYING TO HIT ON YOU, BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LOOK ME IN THE EYE AT ALL.

BUT, BACK THEN, I WAS WEARING RATHER CASUAL CLOTHING.

EVEN SO...

YOU LOOKED SO CUTE, TRYING YOUR BEST TO SMILE.

ACTUALLY, THE CAFE WHERE WE FIRST MET...

IS RUN BY MY COMPANY.

I WAS THERE, SURVEYING PEOPLE ABOUT THE STORE INTERIOR.

"I WISH I COULD SEE HER AGAIN."

THAT THOUGHT CROSSED MY MIND COUNTLESS TIMES...

SO OFTEN, IN FACT, THAT I CONSTRUCTED THIS CAFE.

I SURPRISED EVEN MYSELF BY DOING SO.

I WAS PLANNING TO WIN YOU OVER WITH IT, BUT...

.....

sigh

I JUST HAD TO GET YOU IN MY GRASP....

NOW I FEEL TOO EMBARRASSED TO SAY ANY MORE.

This might be the first time.

Grab

I've ever felt so close to Fukami-san.

I'M HAPPY...

YOU TOLD ME.

REALLY?

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT EXISTS AFTER ALL.

I GUESS...

KISS

DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?

DO YOU SEE HOW BADLY I'VE FALLEN FOR YOU?

I'M SPEECH-LESS.

EVER SINCE I STARTED WORKING ON THIS PLACE, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON MY MIND.

AND NOW HERE YOU ARE, IN MY ARMS.

Okay!

I never knew he liked me so much...

STAY LIKE THIS A LITTLE LONGER.

BUT PLEASE, LET'S...

SHOULD WE...TAKE IT FURTHER?

Haha

JUST KIDDING.

Obviously

NO WAY!

step

FUKAMI-SAN'S 'WOMAN'...

SO THAT'S HER, HUH...

This guy became Risa's first male friend after she moved to Tokyo.

Even though he's popular and has many male and female friends, he's actually a really kind, naive guy. He's the eldest of his 4 siblings, and likes to nose around their business. And now he tells himself that he can't leave Risa alone, either! He was no match for Fukami, but still admires his mature and calm demeanor.

(Maybe he wants a big brother?)

Coffee & Vanilla Flipside

Fukami-san is shrouded in mystery. I'm telling you, drawing this guy is the epitome of hardship. The biggest hurdle, time and time again, is his hair.

Natural-looking curls are the worst! (Cries)

← This is what Fukami-san would look like with straight hair.

Looks more like a supporting character, but so easy to draw...